(b) *Request for the reopening of the consideration of agenda item 113 (Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors): letter from the Chairman of the Fifth Committee (A/50/884)*

The General Assembly, on the proposal of the Chairman of the Fifth Committee, decided to reopen consideration of agenda item 113 entitled "Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors", in order to consider a report on the inventory control system for non-expendable property at Headquarters.

The General Assembly further decided to allocate this item to the Fifth Committee.

Election of a member of the International Court of Justice [15(c)]:

(a) *Memorandum by the Secretary-General (A/50/865-S/1996/51);*

(b) *List of candidates (A/50/866-S/1996/52 and Add.1, A/50/882-S/1996/133);*

(c) *Curricula vitae (A/50/867-S/1996/53)*

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 264 (III), Nauru and Switzerland were invited to participate in the election of a member of the International Court of Justice.

The representative of the Syrian Arab Republic made a statement on a point of order.

The Assembly then proceeded to the election of a member of the Court to fill a vacancy caused by the death of Judge Andrés Aguilar Mawdsley of Venezuela.

As none of the candidates obtained the required majority on the first round of balloting, the Assembly proceeded to a second round of balloting.

In the second ballot, Mr. Gonzalo Parra-Aranguren (Venezuela) obtained an absolute majority of votes.

The President of the General Assembly read out a letter he had received from the President of the Security Council communicating the results of the voting held at the 3636th meeting of the Council.

Having obtained an absolute majority of votes in both the General Assembly and the Security Council, Mr. Gonzalo Parra-Aranguren (Venezuela) was declared elected a member of the International Court of Justice for a term of office expiring on 5 February 2000.

The Assembly thus concluded its consideration of sub-item (c) of agenda item 15.

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